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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 22-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-13, 15-16, 18-20, 22-24 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's related art ("ARA") in view of 20050018108 ("108").

Per claim 1-3, 5-7, ARA figure 2A and 3 teach an in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device, comprising: a plurality of R (Red), G (Green) and B (Blue) pixels defined by a plurality of gate lines and a plurality of data lines [3 note bent portion]; a driving element in the pixel [19]; and at least one pair of electrodes disposed in the pixel to form a horizontal electric field [5,7], wherein the R, G, and B pixels are arranged in a zigzag pattern in a data line direction, and each of R, G, and B pixels is arranged to be symmetric with respect to the gate line to adjacent R, G, and B pixels. ARA lacks dedicated white subpixels. However, it was well known or conventional to use dedicated white pixels as 108 teaches it was conventional [see paragraph 0016]. Furthermore it was well to produce white without the need for complex driving multiple subpixels. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA with 108.

Claim 8 adds to claim 1, the R, G, B, and W subpixels are arranged in a zigzag pattern in a data line direction, the subpixels of adjacent pixels being arranged in a different direction to

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compensate a main viewing angle of each of R, G, B, W subpixels [the ARA teaches this limitation in figure 3].

Claim 10 is completely encompassed by claim 1 and therefore claim 10 is addressed by addressing claim 1.

Per claim 4, ARA teaches the device of claim 3, wherein the common electrode and the pixel electrode have at least one bent portion [see branches extending from horizontal bus regions of the pixel and common electrodes].

Per claim 9, ARA teaches the device of claim 8, wherein direction of the electrodes in each of R, G, B, and W subpixels is symmetric to that of the electrodes in adjacent R, G, B, and W subpixels with respect to the gate line [see figure 3].

Per claim 11, ARA teaches the in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device 10, wherein the white pixel of the first set and the white pixel of the second set are not adjacent to each other [figure three clearly shows R, G and B sequence and adding a W pixel would add another element to the sequence but the sequence would only be altered to accommodate the white pixel].

Per claim 12, ARA the in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device of claim 10, wherein the first set of pixels includes four pixels and the second set of pixels includes four pixels [the added white would make four].

Per claims 13 and 24, ARA teaches the in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device of claim 12, wherein the first set of four pixels and the second set of four pixels are each arranged in a two by two matrix [first 2x2 matrix is R and G, the second 2x2 matrix is B and W].

Per claim 29, ARA in view of 108 teaches an in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device, comprising: a first set of pixels of different colors, each of the pixels having a data line along a side thereof and a gate line along a side thereof, wherein one of the pixels is a white (W) pixel [first set is the top B and W]; a second set of pixels of different colors, each of the pixels having a data line along a side thereof and a gate line along a side thereof, wherein one of the pixels is a white (W) pixel [top R and W but must use every other W as W is shared with B]; a third set of pixels of different colors, each of the pixels having a data line along a side thereof and a gate line along a side thereof, wherein one of the pixels is a white (W) pixel

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[bottom B and W]; and a fourth set of pixels of different colors, each of the pixels having a data line along a side thereof and a gate line along a side thereof, wherein one of the pixels is a white (W) pixel [bottom R and W]; wherein the first set of pixels and the second set of pixels are adjacent to each other and the third set of pixels and the fourth set of pixels are adjacent to each other and wherein the white pixels are not adjacent to each other [there is a G pixel in between but they are still adjacent].

Claims 14, 17, 25-28, 30-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's related art ("ARA") in view of 20050018108 ("108") as applied to claims 1-13, 15-16, 18-20, 22-24 and 29 above and further in view of US 5777707 A, US 5757452 A, US 5642176 A, US 5142392 A and US 6707067 B2.

Per claims 14 and 17, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device 13, but lacks the white pixel of the first set and the white pixel of the second set are not adjacent to each other. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

Per claim 25, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching liquid crystal display device of claim 24, but lacks the two by two matrices of the first set and the second set include an upper row and a lower row, respectively, and wherein the two colors in the upper row of the first set are the same as the two colors in the lower row of the second set. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

Per claim 26, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching liquid crystal display device of claim 25, but lacks the two colors in the upper row of the first set are arranged the same as the two colors in the lower row of the second set. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

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Per claim 27, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching liquid crystal display device of claim 13, but lacks the two by two matrices of the first set and the second set include an upper row and a lower row, respectively, and wherein the two colors in the lower row of the first set are the same as the two colors in the upper row of the second set. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

Per claim 28, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching liquid crystal display device of claim 27, but lacks the two colors in the lower row of the first set are arranged in the same pattern as the two colors in the upper row of the second set. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

Per claims 30-41, ARA in view of 108 teaches the in-plane switching liquid crystal display device of claim 29, but lacks the first set of pixels includes four pixels, the second set of pixels includes four pixels, the third set of pixels includes four pixels, and the fourth set of pixels includes four pixels and wherein the first to fourth sets of four pixels are each arranged in a two by two matrix. However this color filter layout was well known as evidence by 707, 452, 176, 392 and 067. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine ARA in view of 108 with common knowledge in order to improve the color gamut of the cell.

Allowable Subject Matter

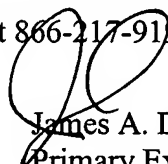
Claim 21 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art of record lacks a dead space formed between the first set and the second set.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Dudek whose telephone number is 571-272-2290. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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